



Zippy is the Winner

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It has been well known for years that our mascot, Zippy the Kangaroo, is a beloved icon at The University of Akron. That was reinforced on January 2, 2008 with the overwhelming news that she had bested eleven other mascots to earn the 2007 Capital One Mascot of the Year honors. Thanks to a grassroots movement, Zippy was voted the winner week after week. In the semifinals, our much-adored kangaroo edged the University of Georgia's "Hairy Dog" by one hundred and thirty-seven votes in the closest battle, then triumphed over the University of Minnesota's "Goldy Gopher" by over seven thousand votes in the final competition. Zippy's win was unprecedented, as no

mascot had ever gone undefeated during the thirteen-week challenge.